

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 2057–2074, 2076; 1 private bill, H.R. 2075; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 195–196 were introduced. **Page H7256**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 193, providing for consideration of a bill establishing United States policy toward China and a joint resolution relating to most-favored-nation treatment for the People's Republic of China (H. Rept. 104–194);

H. Res. 194, providing for the consideration of H.R. 2002, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996 (H. Rept. 104–195);

H.R. 1655, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, amended (H. Rept. 104–138, Part 2); and

H.R. 2076, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996 (H. Rept. 104–196).

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Committees To Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule: Committees on Banking and Financial Services, Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, Judiciary, Science, Small Business, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Veterans' Affairs.

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Treasury Appropriations: By a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 211 nays, Roll No. 534, the House passed H.R. 2020, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996.

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Rejected the Hoyer motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations. **Page H7238**

Agreed To:

The Duncan amendment that strikes the \$65.76 million appropriation for GSA new construct for the Food and Drug Administration Phase II project in Maryland (agreed to by a recorded vote of 278 yeas to 146 noes, Roll No. 528);

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The Packard amendment that prohibits use of funds for employee training when it is made known that the training does not meet identified needs for knowledge bearing directly upon the performance of official duties; contains elements likely to induce high levels of emotion response or psychological stress in some participants; does not require prior employee notification of content and methods to be used; contains any methods or content associated with religious or quasi-religious belief systems or "new age" belief systems; is offensive to, or designed to change, participants' personal values or lifestyle outside the workplace; or includes content related to HIV/AIDS other than that necessary to make employees more aware of the medical ramifications and the workplace rights of HIV-positive employees (agreed to by a recorded vote of 283 yeas to 138 noes, Roll No. 530); and

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The Sanders amendment that sought to prohibit use of funds for the salaries or expenses of an employee in connection with the obligation or expenditure of funds in the exchange stabilization fund when it is made known to the official that such funds are for the purpose of bolstering any foreign currency (agreed to by a recorded vote of 245 yeas to 183 noes, Roll No. 531).

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Rejected:

The Hoyer amendment that sought to strike language prohibiting the use of funds to pay for abortions under the Federal Employees Health Benefits program (rejected by a recorded vote of 188 yeas to 235 noes, Roll No. 526);

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The Gilchrest amendment to the agreed-to Duncan amendment that sought to provide that the funds would be available for the FDA construction project if a prospectus was approved pursuant to the Public Buildings Act for the project (rejected by a recorded vote of 185 yeas to 240 noes, Roll No. 527);

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The Hobson substitute that sought to prohibit the use of funds for any employee training when it was made known that the training would not upgrade employee productivity and effectiveness; would not meet identified needs for knowledge bearing upon performance of official duties; would be inappropriate to the workplace; would be designed to change participants' personal values or lifestyle outside the workplace; would not require prior employee notification of content and methods to be used in the training; or would not provide an acceptable alternative for employees articulating a religious or moral objection to participating in HIV/AIDS training

program (rejected by a recorded vote of 201 ayes to 223 noes, Roll No. 529);

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The Obey motion that the Committee rise and report the bill back to the House with the recommendation that the enacting clause be stricken;

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The Chenoweth amendment that sought to prohibit use of funds to provide bonuses or any other merit-based salary increase for any employee of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (rejected by a recorded vote of 111 ayes to 317 noes, Roll No. 532); and

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The Ward amendment, as amended by the Archer perfecting amendment (agreed to by a recorded vote of 231 ayes to 193 noes, Roll No. 533), that sought to prohibit use of funds to issue any tax compliance certificate of any individual departing the United States unless a system is in place that provides tax rules on expatriation pursuant to the provisions of H.R. 1812 as reported by the Committee on Ways and Means.

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The following were offered but subsequently withdrawn:

The Dingell motion that the Committee rise and report the bill back to the House with the recommendation that the enacting clause be stricken; and

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The Sanders amendment that sought to prohibit use of funds to pay the salaries or expenses of any employee in connection with the obligation or expenditure of funds in the exchange stabilization fund.

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Agriculture Appropriations: House completed all general debate and began reading for amendment on H.R. 1976, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996; but came to no resolution thereon. Proceedings under the 5-minute rule will resume on Thursday, July 20.

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Agreed to the Skeen amendment made in order by the rule that strikes the restrictions on enrollments of land in the Conservation Reserve Program and Wetlands Reserve Program, the \$800 million cap on Export Enhancement Program expenditures, and language barring livestock feed assistance disaster payments in cases where crop insurance was available to the producer; reduces the appropriation for Consolidated Farm Service Agency salaries and expenses by \$17.5 million; eliminates the Great Plains Conservation Program; reduces the appropriation for low-income rural housing direct loan by \$400 million and increases the guaranteed loan program by \$200 million; eliminates the Rural Development Loan Fund Program Account; and reduces the overall amount appropriated for solid waste management grants and

for rural water and waste disposal grants and loans by \$127 million (agreed to by a recorded vote of 240 ayes to 173 noes, Roll No. 535).

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Late Report: Committee on Appropriations received permission to have until midnight tonight to file a report on H.R. 2076, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996.

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Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7257-59.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and nine recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7196-97, H7205, H7206, H7213-14, H7214, H7225-26, H7231-32, H7236-37, H7238-39, and H7249-50. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary appropriations for fiscal year 1996.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on D.C. Finances. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority: Arthur F. Brimmer, Chairman, and John W. Hill, Jr., Executive Director.

STATE OF THE ECONOMY, INTEREST RATES AND PRICE STABILITY

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy held a hearing on the state of the economy, interest rates and price stability (Humphrey-Hawkins). Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

FEDERAL POWER ASSET PRIVATIZATION ACT; ALASKA POWER ADMINISTRATION SALE ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1801, Federal Power Asset Privatization Act of 1995; and H.R. 1122, Alaska Power Administration